NEW CREATIONS

"But he who received seed on the good ground is he who hears the word, and understands it; who indeed bears fruit, and produces, some hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty."

***- MATTHEW 13:23***

# Seed & Soil



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GLORY BE TO GOD ONLY




All glory to God alone! We praise Him for the privilege of being used to bring glory to His name. The heart of this book, Seed and Soil, is to guide readers and writers into a deeper walk with God, rooted in His Word. Our prayer is that every heart becomes fertile soil ready to receive His truth, grow in His love, and bear lasting fruit for His Kingdom.

As Jesus calls us to be new creations, we long to walk in daily transformation through His grace. Changed by Him, we hope to become vessels through which others encounter His renewing power.

Behind each page are dedicated hearts of individuals who made space for God despite busy lives. Their obedience has inspired others to step forward in faith.

This journey reminds us that God can use anyone. No gift is too small when surrendered to Him. Offer what you have, He will multiply it for His glory.

We ask for your continued prayers. Let us lay aside the old, step boldly into the new, and build His Kingdom together.

Let His name alone be glorified!

# A New Year With Our Eyes On Jesus

**Let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.**

**- Hebrews 12: 1, 2**

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. By His grace, we have entered this New Year and let it be a fresh beginning in many areas of our lives, filling us with renewed joy and peace through Christ.

Each year is a journey; another chapter God is writing in our story. All of us have taken a long-distance trip at some point, and whenever we prepare for such a journey, our thoughts naturally turn toward the destination and what awaits us there.

In the same way, our journey of faith stretches across the years as we seek to fulfil the plans and purposes God has ordained for us.

Yet the most **important part of this journey is keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus, our true destination.** We need to return again and again to what He accomplished for us on the cross, **trusting that the One who began a good work in us will surely bring it to completion (*Philippians 1:6*).**

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# A New Year With Our Eyes On Jesus

As we reflect on the Christmas season, we remember the wise men from the East. **They began their journey well, faithfully following the star, yet assumed the newborn King would be found in a palace.** In that moment, they lost sight of the star. But once they left the presence of King Herod, the star appeared again and guided them to the very place where Jesus was. **Scripture tells us they were overjoyed when they saw the star again (*Matthew 2:9–11*).**

There may have been times in the past when we relied on our own understanding or became distracted by things that slowed us down or complicated our path. **But no matter what our past journey has been, let us step into this New Year with renewed focus, reconnecting with Jesus, the bright morning star (*Revelation 22:16*).** May our hearts be overjoyed in Him.

If you are a believer, continue steadfastly in your journey of faith. And if you are not yet a believer, I pray that God will reveal Himself to you in a new and personal way so that you may begin your own journey with Him.

**May 2026 bring God's abundant spiritual blessings upon you and your family.**

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# Identity In Christ - A New Beginning

**“If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new” (2 Corinthians 5:17).**

As the new year opened before you, questions may quietly rise in your heart: Who am I becoming? Do I matter? Will this year be different? God answers those questions clearly and lovingly, not by pointing to your past, your failures, or even your achievements, but by pointing you to Christ.

The world tries to label you by likes, grades, appearance, success, or mistakes. These labels change often, and they never fully satisfy. But Scripture declares something far deeper and unchanging: **If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.** Your true identity is not something you earn by trying harder; it is something you receive when you belong to Jesus.

In Christ, **you are chosen, not accidental (Eph 1:4). You are loved, not merely tolerated (Rom 8:38–39). You are forgiven, not defined by guilt or failure (Col 2:13–14).**

This new year is not about reinventing yourself or proving your value. It is about returning to who you already are in Christ. When you wake up unsure, remind your soul: **I belong to Jesus.** When fear whispers, answer it with truth: **God has not given me a spirit of fear.** When the future feels uncertain, stand firm in this promise: **The One who began a good work in me will complete it.** Step into this year rooted, confident, and free. You are not trying to find your identity; you are learning to live from it.

Prayer: Lord Jesus, help me understand who I am in You. Teach me to live this year with faith, courage, and hope. Amen.

***Daily Whisper: I am not who the world says I am. I am who Christ says I am.***

# A Brand-New Outfit For A Brand-New Year

Who doesn't love the idea of something new? A new dress, a fresh start, or a clean slate, these bring joy and hope into our lives. Just like we desire new things, deep within, **our souls long for renewal too, a transformation from the inside out.** The good news is that this greatest gift is freely offered to us by Lord Jesus Christ.

Every human being is born wearing old, tattered rags of sin stained with disobedience and rebellion. **We may try to cover** them with good deeds, success, or distractions, but they remain as reminders of our separation from God.

But God, in His love and mercy, made a way for us to exchange these rags for something beautiful. **Through His death on the cross, Jesus bore the punishment of our sins, taking our old clothes upon Himself.** He rose again, offering us something we could never earn: **a new robe of salvation and righteousness.**

**When we believe in Him and confess Jesus as Lord (Romans 10:9)**, we are transformed. The old is gone, and we are clothed in Christ's perfection. **Isaiah 61:10** captures this joy perfectly:

**"I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for He has clothed me with the garments of salvation, He has covered me with the robe of righteousness."**

No longer are we bound by shame or fear. **We are new creations in Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17)**, made spotless and ready to live as children of God. This isn't just a new outfit; it's a complete renewal of our identity!

# Why Do You Stand Here? — A Call to Action

**Acts 1:11- "Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen Him go into heaven."**

The people were looking at the sky as Jesus ascended to heaven, as **verse 10** says: **"They were looking intently up into the sky as He was going."** But the angels said, "Why are you looking here?" As we all know, He is going to come again. The angels meant that they should go and proclaim the Gospel, **as they saw that the harvest was plentiful, and make yourselves and others ready for His coming.**

But many times, we just want to look at things that have already been done. We get stuck, just thinking about something we witnessed. But the true spiritual sense lies in His second coming. **We know Jesus was born, He died for us, and He is also going to come again.** We all know this, but are we just standing simply without acting, thinking that just knowing is enough? Or, as the angels said, "Why do you stand here?"

**God expects us to go and do His purpose,** not just stand looking at the things He has done. **He wants us to bear fruit.**

So, as we stepped into a new year, let us not just be people who only know and see things. Instead, **let us be people who are seeing, knowing, and doing the things He has called us to do.**

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# Embracing Each Day

There are 365 days in a year, and as we embark on a new one, we carry with us a multitude of expectations, anxieties, and plans. As **1 Peter 5:7** reminds us, **"Cast all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you."**

Each day, numerous anxious thoughts can fill our hearts and minds, hindering us from fulfilling God's purpose for our lives. Our Heavenly Father gently reminds us not to be afraid. Remarkably, the Bible mentions the phrase **"FEAR NOT" 365 times across various verses and chapters.** What an incredible God we serve! This means that every day, we are encouraged to depend on Him. While not every day will be the same, some may be exhausting while others can be exhilarating, we can rest assured that we have a constant source of care and guidance.

This year, let us strive to grow closer to our unwavering support, walking with Him daily, leaving behind the fleeting pleasures of the world, and clinging to His Word. **"Thus far the LORD has helped us" (2 Samuel 7:12),** and **He will continue to do so in the days ahead (Isaiah 41:10, Matthew 28:20, and Joshua 1:9).**

Prayer: Dear Father in Heaven, as we have stepped into a new year by Your grace, grant us the wisdom and understanding to love You with all our heart, mind, and soul. Help us walk closer to You each day and become rooted in Your Word. May everything we do be done in love. Lord, help us become more like You this year and be a blessing to everyone around us. We submit our spirit, soul, and body into Your hands. Let Your will be done in our lives, Master. Make us useful vessels to testify to Your glory, Lord. Amen.

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# Be Strong And Courageous

Fear doesn't disqualify us. Fear Looks Different for Everyone. Every person carries a different fear. For some, it's the fear of failure. For others, the fear of loss, uncertainty, rejection, sickness, finances, or the unknown future. We worry quietly, asking ourselves questions we're often afraid to say out loud: **Will I overcome this? What if things don't work out? What if I'm not strong enough?** Fear makes us believe we must figure everything out before moving forward.

In **Joshua 1:9,** the Lord says: **"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."** Notice this God doesn't deny the battle. He promises His presence in it.

Joshua was stepping into unfamiliar territory, leading people into uncertainty, carrying responsibility bigger than himself. Yet God's command was clear: **Trust Me and move forward.** Courage isn't the absence of fear. **Courage is choosing to trust God despite it.**

As we stepped into this new year, many of us are still holding worries from the last one, questions about how things will work out, how healing will come, how doors will open, how strength will last. But what if this year, **instead of worrying about the outcome, we trusted the Planner?** Whatever you feared. Whatever kept you awake. Whatever made you doubt if you'd make it through, **the Lord will do it for you. Your part is courage, God's part is provision.**

Be courageous, not because you are strong, but because **He is faithful.** Trust His plans. Walk forward. He goes before you.

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# My True Identity

**John 1:12 says, "Yet to all who did receive Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God."**

Many of us define ourselves by what we do. You might be a teacher, or a firefighter, or an accountant, "that's who I am." **But God's plans often lead us outside of the very things we believe define us.** Our ultimate defining identities are not in what we do, but in who we are: **children of God.** It sounds simple, **but it's a deeply profound truth.**

Receiving Jesus and identifying as a child of God **isn't passive.** It's not just slapping on a name tag and continuing life as usual. Taking on that identity is a daily, active decision. **It means fully accepting Jesus' love, authority, and call on our lives.**

He gives us the freedom to live beyond labels, past wounds, and even seemingly good things that can hold us physically or emotionally captive. He breaks the chains of people living in poverty, addiction, or grief.

You are no longer a child of brokenness. **You are a child of God.** You are imbued with the dignity and worth of your Creator. That new identity is like a superhero origin story: it changes everything!

When you receive Jesus, this is your story. **You are God's child. You belong. You are loved. You are free.**

When was the last time you stopped to reflect on the fact that you are a beloved child of God? Take a moment today to thank Him for welcoming you into His family!

# The Battles

There are seasons when life feels heavier than circumstances alone can explain, when discouragement settles quietly, and peace seems difficult to hold onto. Scripture reminds believers that not every struggle is visible and that **many battles take place beyond what the eyes can see.**

The Bible teaches that **the struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against unseen spiritual forces at work in the world (Ephesians 6:12).** Recognising this truth invites a response rooted in awareness rather than fear, and faith rather than anxiety.

God does not leave His people unprotected; He lovingly provides spiritual armour: truth to steady the mind, righteousness to guard the heart, peace to guide each step, faith to extinguish doubt, salvation to anchor hope, and His Word to sustain strength in difficult moments **(Ephesians 6:13–17).**

Spiritual warfare is not fought through human striving or control, but **through quiet dependence on God,** expressed through prayer, trust, and perseverance. Even when resistance feels strong or progress seems slow, Scripture assures that God's presence remains constant and His power is greater than anything that stands against His people **(1 John 4:4).**

In every unseen battle, believers are reminded that they are not alone and **that God's faithfulness surrounds them,** carrying them through each season with steady and enduring grace.

# Want a Clean Heart?

**King David made some great decisions, but he also made some terrible ones...**

During his reign, David chose to abuse his power by taking the wife of one of his military leaders and then arranging for him to die in battle. For someone who was considered “a man after God’s own heart,” David really messed up.

In **2 Samuel 12:13**, we see David confess his sin against the Lord. And in **Psalm 51**, we see his prayer to be made new:

**“Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.” - Psalm 51:10**

David failed, but **God redeems. God restores.** David still had to face the consequences of his decisions, but in that journey, **God met him there.**

If you want to be made new by God but believe that your past is too messed up, you can follow the path David showed us: **confess, repent, and ask God to make you new.** You can even use David’s exact words as you pray... **"Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me."**

When we seek God, we realise that He’s already been seeking us. **God is faithful. He loves you.** He can make your heart clean. In Him, you can become a new creation.

# Comforter, Counselor

**"I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go, I will counsel you with my loving eye on you." - Psalm 32:8**

There are times in life when we're blamed for things we feel like we didn't do. And in these situations, we try to justify ourselves, the things that we say, and the things that we do, and we often fail to realise that maybe, we're in the wrong after all.

At times like these, it is very important to keep our minds open to the fact that **we can't always be right.** How then do we know what's right and what's not?

It is for this reason that **God has sent us a Helper, the Holy Spirit,** to guide us in the way that we should go. Believe me, God speaks in wonderful ways, at times you least expect.

As a loving Father, He gently corrects our wrongs. He corrects us, sometimes through a verse, sometimes a song, and sometimes, even through the people around us.

And this is why every day, it is so **important to ask God to fill you with His Spirit,** so that every time you take a step down the wrong path, He gently whispers in your ear, **"Not this way, child."**

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# The Art of Being Still

**Psalm 46:10 " Be still and know that I am God…"** Has anyone thought about what the stillness is that God talks about here? We keep running, and we strive to overcome ourselves in everything we do, which tires us physically and mentally. When it happens, we pause for a moment, and we do some quick thinking on where we are or what we have to do next!! God reminds us to remain still, which allows our souls to **unclench**.

Remaining still by heart doesn't need to be physical. It is something related to one's inner striving. Things might tend to happen in a way other than we expect in life, and we often fight to control them. God instructs us to **pause for a moment(Be still)**. He reminds us that it is a burden that we are never bound to carry. **Letting God's presence in life lowers the voice of all the worries** and burdens that we carry in our lives.

**God's presence in our lives is unmoved even when our life takes a chaotic turn.**

**"… Know that I am God…"** - God sees something we don't, He works in ways we never imagined, and He always holds one end up when we falter. Instead of taking your burdens on your head, **'Know'** that there's a God **who carries our burden** to lighten us and to bring us in His path.

Prayer: Dear God, I have always been a wavy water where I keep stressing over things that shouldn't. Help me to be still so that My thoughts will be your thoughts and My ways will be your way. **Help me silence the noise that keeps me from entering your path** and let you have control over my life. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.

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# Choosing Trust in Uncertain Seasons

Trusting God is an intentional choice we make each day, especially when life feels uncertain. Scripture reminds us in ***Proverbs 3:5 and 6 to trust in the Lord with all our heart and not rely on our own understanding.*** When we surrender our plans to God, we acknowledge that His wisdom is far greater than ours and His ways are always rooted in love and purpose.

Often, we try to control outcomes because **we fear disappointment or delay.** Yet God calls us to lay down our striving and rest in His guidance. Submitting our ways to Him does not mean losing direction but gaining divine alignment. When we place our decisions, relationships and future into His hands, **He shapes our path according to His perfect will.**

God sees what we cannot see. He understands the timing of the lessons and the blessings hidden in every season. Even when doors close or plans change, **we can trust that He is leading us toward what is best for our growth and His glory.**

**Faith grows when we choose obedience even without full clarity.**

Today, take a moment to offer your plans to God in prayer. Ask Him to order your steps and give you a heart that is willing to follow wherever He leads. **Trust that His plans are good and that He is working all things together for your good.** As you submit your ways to Him, **may you experience peace, confidence and renewed strength** knowing that your life is safely held in His hands.

# Why Does God Tell Us To Flee From Evil?

Those who hope that God will tolerate a little sinfulness generally do so because of iniquity in their own lives. They do nothing about their sin, even though they recognise it as wrong. "But we are all sinful," you may protest. "None of us is perfect." True. **Romans 3:23 says, *"All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."***

However, recognising our sin should compel us to do something about it. When we understand that we have violated God's will, we need to come to the Father and say, **"I need Your forgiveness. Please wash me and make me clean in Your sight."** When we recognise that we have acted wrongly toward our neighbours or disobeyed God, we should not casually brush aside our offence as if to say, "Well, that's just my human nature." Instead, we must come humbly before God and say, "**I have sinned. Have mercy upon me. Transform me, Lord, into the likeness of Christ so that I will not desire to do this again.**"

**Deuteronomy 19:19–20** gives clear instructions on how to deal with sin: ***"You shall put away the evil from among you. And those who remain shall hear and fear, and hereafter they shall not again commit such evil among you."*** Centuries later, Jesus told a woman caught in blatant sin, ***"Go and sin no more"* (John 8:11).** Facing the fact that we are sinful creatures is not the same as tolerating sin in our lives. Scripture teaches that **God desires us to hate sin and its consequences** and to completely avoid evil.

**We are not to imitate, embrace, entertain or encourage evil.**

Rather, we are to turn our backs on it and flee at full speed. Why does God call us to flee from evil? Because He desires to protect us from sin's terrible consequences. **Do not do evil; instead, flee from it and experience the blessings of the Lord.**

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# Standing Firm

**“So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don’t fall. No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; He will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, He will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.” - (1 Corinthians 10:12–13)**

Sometimes, when life is going well, or our faith feels strong, we may become overconfident. Overconfidence can make us careless, thinking, **“This won’t happen to me.”** Paul warns us to stay alert and prayerful, knowing that everyone is vulnerable. Whatever struggle or temptation we face, fear, loneliness, anger, or doubt, we are not alone. Others have faced similar struggles. Temptation is part of being human; it is not a sign of failure.

God knows our limits. Even when temptation feels overwhelming, **God is still in control.** He never abandons us in moments of struggle. **God always provides a way of escape through prayer, wisdom, a trusted person, a pause, or a changed situation.** The **“way out”** may not remove the struggle instantly, **but it gives us the strength to endure without giving in.**

Stay humble in your faith. Remember that you are not alone in your struggles. Trust in God’s faithfulness and believe that there is always a way forward with God.

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# Growing In Grace: Saying No To Sin, Yes To God

**For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and Godly in the present age. - Titus 2:11, 12**

We have not been made worthy by our efforts or by our good behavior but we have been **made worthy by God's grace.** It is grace that found us when we were lost, cleansed us when we were stained by sin and called us into the light of His truth.

**God's grace forgives our past, transforms our present, and empowers our future.** It is not just a covering for our sins; it is a power to overcome sin. The same grace that saved you is the same grace that now teaches you to walk in holiness. It is not a license to continue in sin, but a call to rise above all these.

**Grace calls us to say no to worldly desires and yes to following a Godly life in this present age.** We should not depend on grace only to forgive us from the penalty of sin, but rather depend on grace to strengthen us against the temptation of sin. That is the grace that changes lives. **Stop entertaining sin and start glorifying God.**

The world says, "You only live once," but heaven says, **"You were bought at a price, therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's" - 1 Corinthians 6:20**

We are in a generation that wants to use grace as an excuse to stay the same. **But true grace calls us to grow.**

Let us say **"NO"** to things that God hates and **"Yes"** to what glorifies Him.

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# Pruned For A Purpose

**John 15:1–4 - "I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and every branch that does bear fruit, He prunes so that it will bear even more fruit. You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. In the same way, you cannot bear fruit unless you remain in me."**

A branch of a vine is pruned only when all its leaves have fallen, when it appears dry and lifeless. Pruning happens in a specific season during fall. Jesus uses this powerful and beautiful illustration of a vineyard to explain how God works in our lives.

The first part speaks about **branches that remained on the vine for a long time but never produced fruit.** These represent the things in our lives that we hold onto, hoping they are good for us, clinging to them with expectations. God, in His wisdom, identifies what is unfruitful and lovingly cuts it off.

The second part speaks about **branches that already bear fruit.** Even these are trimmed so that they can become more fruitful. Sometimes, God sharpens our branches, allowing us to go through challenging situations not to harm us, but to shape us more into His likeness and to entrust us with greater fruitfulness. The vineyard is pruned during the fall season, which reminds me that God often prunes us during seasons when we feel distant from Him, empty, dry, or desolate. Yet even then, **His hands are at work.**

When we believe that He is our Pruner and remain in Him, He promises to remain in us. Without Him, our lives can never **be truly fruitful. He is our Gardener.**

**Let us allow God to prune us**

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# Called To Share the Love Of God

John asked Jacob while sitting in a rooftop cafeteria perplexing about life, "What's your purpose in life? "Jacob replied, **"My purpose is to share the love of God"**

Many of us were in the phase of discovering God's purpose in our life or we might be in a waiting period, but the crux of discovering God's will is showing God's love in our own lives.

**Psalms 31:7** says, **I will rejoice and be glad in your steadfast love, because you have seen my affliction, you have known the distress of my soul**. God gives steadfast love to all of His children. Human love is temporary; even parents have restricted love these days, but we belong to our Father in heaven, **who gives steadfast love to His children, even though they age every day.**

In the book of **Matthew 3:16 "Prepare the way for the Lord and make his paths straight";** We should prepare every day to show God through our own actions our own vocation that God has kept in our own life. Some of us weren't happy with the Vocation, but as the father of the prodigal son accepted his son; We should accept our own life and move on instead of staying in past.

As a loving Father, sometimes he's a strict father too. **Proverbs 23:13-14 says that Fatherly correction is intentional to save from Evil.**

As Father corrects His children, Lord Jesus corrects his own children, but we as humans seem to be fragile and vulnerable at the point of correction; but ***when we submit our lives to God; start to fulfil His own purposes. Our lives will also be a blessing to many.***

# He Calls Us To Partner With Him

**In my highs, You are with me, and in my lows You are with me.**

**Lord, let my soul find its rest in Your true rest and a holy resetting.**

Jesus invites us with these tender words: **"Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls."** A yoke is a wooden beam that joins two animals so they can pull a load together. And often, the reason we feel overwhelmed is that we are trying to carry our burdens alone.

But God does not ask us to face life by ourselves. **He calls us to partner with Him.** We may wonder why He doesn't simply remove the pain or solve the problem instantly. Yet His answer is loving and consistent: **"I will walk with you. Let's carry this together."**

**And then He adds, "Learn from Me."**

This is an invitation to imitate our Saviour to allow Him to shape us, influence us in the mundane, and form us into His likeness. We often say God is making us into something beautiful, and it's true. **He is working patiently to make us more like Him** so that we may reflect His heart to the world.

As we learn from Him, we also discover His character. **He is gentle. He is humble. He is kind.** And with this revelation comes a promise: **He will give rest to our souls.** What a wonderful Saviour we serve. May we choose today to walk beside Him, learning from Him, and finding the rest our hearts long for.

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# Rejoice

**“Rejoice in the Lord always and again I say rejoice.”- Philippians 4:4**

Paul says to rejoice always. It’s difficult to rejoice in every circumstance. We become sad, anxious, and depressed. But here it is told to rejoice always. **Its a command.**

**When we are in the Lord, the Holy Spirit helps us to rejoice because we get inner peace and confidence.** We have to connect ourselves to God for strength. **The joy of the Lord is our strength.**

We often believe that joy can be found in people, places, and things, **but it’s never permanent.**

God has given the gift of joy in our hearts, but we fail to own it sometimes its because we forget that **our true joy is found in His presence,** in embracing that we have our father who is very concerned about our life, and He knows everything we do. He is a personal God who finds ways to remind us that true joy is always found in Him. Despite the circumstances, don’t let your beautiful smile leave you!

He loves you smiling, and this joy can never be stolen. May God help each one of us to cling to Jesus and rejoice always.

**Have a Blessed Day!**

# Knowing His Voice: A Call To Young Hearts

**John 10:3–4 (*"The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice."*)** gives young people a deeply personal picture of Jesus as the Good Shepherd. Jesus says that the shepherd calls his sheep by name and leads them out, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. This tells us that **faith is not just about rules or religion; it is about a relationship.**

As young people, life is filled with many voices. Social media tells you what success should look like. Friends and society pressure you to fit in, perform, and prove yourself. These voices can be loud and confusing. But Jesus' voice is different. He calls you by name, reminding you that you are known, seen, and valued just as you are. Your worth is not based on popularity, achievements, or mistakes, but on the **fact that you belong to Him.**

Jesus also leads the sheep forward. This is encouraging when the future feels uncertain. Questions about education, career, relationships, and purpose can feel overwhelming. **Yet Jesus never asks you to walk alone.** He goes ahead of you, guiding each step, even when the path is unclear. Following Him does not mean having everything figured out; it means trusting His direction one day at a time.

Today, Jesus is calling young people to follow Him with confidence. When you listen to His voice and walk behind Him, you will discover true purpose, peace, and direction for your life.

# Who Do You Think You Are?

This question is often voiced in my head whenever I feel insecure, when I am made to feel as though I am the only one thinking differently about myself, or when I am unsure of who I am. Sometimes, when I ask God, I realise that I don't really know who I am, and it becomes very hard to accept that we are not good at everything. We don't want anyone else to know that either.

**But God spoke to me through a woman of humility,** someone who was always overlooked for who she was, never appreciated, and never recognised. Yet there came a day when God chose her, not for how people saw her or even how she saw herself, but because **He chose her as a vessel.** She recognised how empty she was and offered all that she had in obedience.

The song of Mary depicts how she was humble enough to accept that she was not enough, so that God could fill her cup.

**"He has brought down rulers from their thrones, but has lifted up those who are humble. He has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty."- Luke 1:52–53**

Mary deeply impressed me. Through her, I learned that it is okay to feel incomplete at times, because those **moments draw us closer to God, who makes us complete.** Through such seasons, God teaches us humility and reminds us that we are merely vessels used by the Almighty.

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# The Throne Above: When What I Leaned On Died

**"In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and lifted up, and the train of His robe filled the temple." - Isaiah 6:1**

There are years in our lives that **get named not by celebration, but by loss.** The year my strength failed. The year that the relationship ended. The year the job slipped away. For Isaiah, it was "the year that King Uzziah died." It wasn't just the death of a ruler; it was the collapse of a symbol. Uzziah represented stability, prosperity, and a golden chapter in Judah's history. For a young Isaiah, Uzziah's throne likely felt permanent, strong and untouchable. He grew up on the prosperous tales of the reign. But it fell.

Uzziah's story is both glorious and tragic. He sought the Lord and prospered **(2 Chronicles 26:5).** But pride quietly crept in. He leaned on his own understanding and strength and forgot the God who made him prosper. His rebellion led him to leprosy and an isolated end to a celebrated life. Isaiah had grown up admiring the throne, only to watch it crumble in shame. What a disillusioning moment.

And yet, in that very year, Isaiah says, **"I saw the Lord."** Not after things got better. Not once the emotions settle. But in the year everything he leaned on fell apart.

How much of our security is tied to an earthly **"Uzziah"**, a person, a position, our health, reputation, or plans? When those things die, the ground feels like it gives way. It is in those landsliding moments that we acknowledge the power and presence of God far beyond what we have idolised. Every earthly throne must fall so we finally see the heavenly one.

**Psalm 146:3** ***warns us not to put our trust in mortal men.*** Yet when they fail, God does not stand absent. He reveals Himself high and lifted up.

Maybe today you are living in **"the year that something died."** What if this is not just an ending, but an unveiling? When earthly thrones fall, **the King of all majesty remains.**

# The Throne Above: Adoration over Hustling

**Isaiah 6:2- Above Him stood the seraphim; each one had six wings: with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew.** Earlier, we saw the unfolding of the vision of the throne, and now we see what happens when we realise who is truly on it. Isaiah lifts his eyes higher, and now he doesn't just see the Lord; he sees the seraphim too. These are not weak, trembling beings. They are mighty, sinless, radiant, created and remaining in the very presence of God. And yet, even they cover their faces, hide their feet, and restrain themselves in awe.

**That detail should undo much of our perspective of what it means to be in the presence of God.** We rush in with noise, opinions, demands, playlists, and checklists. We come with speed, words, confidence, casualness, and at times, arrogance. But heaven approaches differently. The seraphim teach us that reverence comes before action. Their posture tells us that **adoration precedes and exceeds every other activity.**

In this vision, God quietly brings Isaiah to a question not about information or talent, but about understanding **His holiness.** Holiness is not just God being "***better***" than us. It is His complete moral distinction from everything that exists, His perfection without mixture, His light without shadow **(1 John 1:5)**. It is the blazing purity that makes even sinless creatures bow low. And if angels cover their faces, how casually have I been lifting mine?

We often keep moving about God more than revering Him. **We long for ministry without silence, power without surrender.** But this vision draws us back to awe. Worship is more than clanging noises, rhythm, and beats. It is standing in awe of the distinction that belongs to God alone.

The seraphim still fly. Humility does not cancel service; it empowers it. Before you rush to do for God, **bow before Him.** Because holiness doesn't entertain us, **it humbles us** to lean on the power and presence of a great and distinguished God.

# The Throne Above: Confronted By Holiness

**"And one cried to another and said: 'Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory!'"** ***-Isaiah 6:3.*** Here is what heaven never grows tired of saying, not once or twice, but three times: **Holy. Holy. Holy.** Heaven declares that God is not just holy in degree, but in essence. Completely other. Utterly set apart. In a category with no rivals at all. God is set apart from creation. He is not part of the universe; He spoke it into existence. If all things were to vanish, **He would remain.** He is set apart from humanity not as a better version of us, but as altogether other. God is not the strongest man, the smartest man, or the best man. He is not on our scale at all. **He is Divine. We are dust that breathes because He willed it (Genesis 2:7).**

**Yet the fact that we are made in His image (Genesis 1:26–27)** undoes something within us when we encounter His holiness. Different in nature, yet mysteriously compatible. This is why Jesus could take on flesh without ceasing to be God **(John 1:14).** Holiness did not reject humanity; it made a way to redeem humanity in a way only God Himself could. The most important truth here is this: **holiness confronts us before it comforts us.** If God is truly that holy, then I am truly not.

We live distracted and casual, taking salvation and our walk with Jesus for granted. We scroll past glory, multitask through worship, schedule God between obligations, and then wonder why our reverence feels thin, flat like soda left open. Our idea of reverence often becomes cosmetic. When angels declare that the whole earth is full of His glory, they are stating a reality. Creation has always been loud with God's worth **(Psalm 19:1).** The problem is not that God is quiet, but that I am dull.

Holiness demands a response, not hype or noise, but surrender. When we hear holy, holy, holy, we can no longer pretend that God is small. **He is beyond everything we could ever conjure in our minds.**

# The Throne Above: Power Of God's Presence

**"And the posts of the door were shaken by the voice of him who cried out, and the house was filled with smoke." - Isaiah 6:4.** Isaiah does not just see holiness. He feels it. The moment worship in heaven begins, the very foundations around him shake. The thresholds tremble. The air thickens with smoke. What looked majestic from a distance becomes overwhelming and disruptive up close.

This is what the presence of God does. **It brings to light the reality of things we hold as stable.** There are parts of our faith we think we have organised under control, neatly labelled, predictable. We know which songs move us, which prayers feel safe, which doctrines make us comfortable. **But true worship is not soothing background music. It is not an ASMR experience.** It is seismic. It shakes the foundations of our cherry-picked ideas of God. In Scripture, smoke signals the nearness of God. Mount Sinai trembled and smoked when God descended **(Exodus 19:18).** Solomon's temple filled with a cloud so thick the priests could not stand **(1 Kings 8:10–11).** When God draws near, clarity often decreases before it increases. Vision blurs. Control slips. Familiar structures wobble and collapse. And God does not apologise for this disruption.

Much of our spirituality is built on wanting God to support our structure and reinforce our comfort rather than us abiding by His will under the heaviness of His comforting sovereignty. We ask God to bless our plans instead of exposing our idols. We ask for peace, but not upheaval. Before God heals what is broken, **He shakes down everything that gives us a false sense of firmness.** The doorways are shaken. God's presence challenges the exits and entrances we take, the habits we allow, the decisions we make, and the ways we walk.

The smoke fills the house, no corner untouched, no private space unaffected. **The glory of God has access to every part of our lives.** We cannot draw near to the throne without trembling. We cannot host God's holiness without allowing it to rearrange us. If that path feels disruptive, it is worth everything for His glory to rest on us.

# The Throne Above: Hold Up the Mirror

**"So I said: 'Woe is me, for I am undone! Because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts.'" - *Isaiah 6:5.*** This is the moment everything turns inward towards the heart of the matter. Isaiah does not shout in excitement. He kneels in honest confession. **"Woe is me. I am undone."** In the Hebrew Scriptures, this phrase carries the idea of clothes coming apart at the seams, unravelling. It is not that Isaiah has suddenly become sinful; **he is now aware of it.** That is what holiness does. It does not create guilt; **it brings us to own our sin honestly.**

Up until this moment, Isaiah had been boldly pronouncing woes on others **(Isaiah 5).** But an encounter with the holiness of God turns the prophet into the subject of his own sermon. This moment also contrasts with the fall of humanity in Genesis. In the Garden, deceived by the tempter, humanity chose to hide and blame rather than own failure at the loving call of God. Isaiah does the opposite.

Notice where the conviction lands his lips. The very instrument of his calling. The place of his strength. Holiness exposes not only what is weak in us, but what makes us proud. He does not blame culture or hide behind comparison. Yes, he lives among unclean lips, **but repentance begins with his own.** It always starts with "**me**."

And why now? "My eyes have seen the King." **The closer we get to God, the louder excuses explode and die.** We often try to manage sin through effort rather than vision-seeking behaviour change without revelation. But revelation leads to conviction, and conviction leads to transformation, not the other way around.

Here is the comfort: Isaiah confesses inside the throne room, not outside the gate. Shame tells us to hide. Holiness invites us to draw nearer. This conviction is not the end of the story. It is the beginning of healing, restoration, empowerment, and transformation.

# The Throne Above: Grace That Reached Out First

**"Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a live coal which he had taken with the tongs from the altar." - *Isaiah 6:6.***

Isaiah does not ask to be cleansed. He only admits that he has undone his pride and his mistake. And heaven moves toward him anyway. This is one of the awe-filled moments in Scripture: **a holy angel leaves the throne of God and flies toward a broken sinner.**

Isaiah does not move toward the altar. **The altar's purifying presence descends to where Isaiah stands without losing the essence of holiness. Love makes the first move.** Grace always makes the way. God descended in the person of Jesus to our level to lift us into holiness.

The coal is not from a random fire. It is taken from the altar, the place of sacrifice. Something has already died there. Blood has been shed. Judgment has fallen. Now the fire of that sacrifice is carried straight into Isaiah's life. This is a **foreshadowing of what Jesus** would do at the cross.

Grace does not deny the seriousness of sin; the altar still burns. **But grace refuses to leave the sinner where it finds him,** transforming what was impossible on our own. God is not repulsed by confession that humbles us; He is drawn to it. The prodigal son was rehearsing his lines when the Father began to run. He expected to be a servant, but **the Father prepared a feast and called him a son.**

There are seasons when we feel only the heat of correction and assume God is angry. But this is not wrath. Someone else already took that upon **Himself**. This heat is surgery mercy doing its painful work. All of this happens before Isaiah understands God's will. He is not useful yet. He is not commissioned yet. **He is simply being loved in his ruin.**

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# The Throne Above: Purged

**And he touched my mouth with it, and said: 'Behold, this has touched your lips; your iniquity is taken away, and your sin purged. -Isaiah 6:7.** At this instance, the coal does something that Isaiah never could. It touches the very place he confessed, and **instead of killing him, it cleanses him.** What I could only admit, God now removes. Notice the order of the declaration: **Your iniquity is taken away. Your sin is purged.** Taken away, lifted off, carried away, removed from your account. Purged as in like burned clean at the deepest level. **Grace** does not merely cover sin. It **extracts** it. And **destroys** it.

And Isaiah does not argue. He does not ask for probation. He does not negotiate penance. He simply receives a verdict he could never earn. No matter what good deeds he does, they could never make him clean. This is where our striving finally dies. **Isaiah 6:7** foreshadowed the victory roar of Jesus on the Cross **"It is finished."** It is done.

This is the gospel hiding in the Old Testament. Isaiah contributes nothing to his cleansing except his honesty. God contributes everything else. We contribute nothing to our salvation except the ledger of sins we carry. And now that it is finally settled, there is peace. A peace that passes all understanding.

The God who shook the thresholds now steadies the soul. The God who exposed the sin stretches his hands now to erase it. **Cleansing happens before commissioning. Identity is secured before assignment.** God does not use Isaiah to cleanse him. On the contrary, God cleanses Isaiah to bring him closer before he can be ordained for the greater things he is called for.

We can sigh a big time because we do not serve to be accepted. We serve because we already are. The throne still stands as it stood when Isaiah saw the vision. **Holiness still burns with all its richness of goodness.** And we have a hope that has anchored itself in the grace that flowed from the altar. **The anchor of our faith is in the Lord Jesus Christ.**

# The Throne Above: Call Of Duty

**"Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying: 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?' Then I said, 'Here am I! Send me.'" *-Isaiah 6:8.*** After all he has experienced and witnessed, Isaiah now speaks with newfound boldness. No fear. No "woe." No collapsing or undoing. **He declares his availability and asks for responsibility.**

But do not miss the order. Isaiah does not volunteer when he sees the throne. He does not offer himself when the foundations shake. He does not step forward when he confesses his sin. **He only speaks after he has been touched by mercy. Calling always comes after cleansing.**

God does not ask, **"Who is worthy?"** He asks, "**Who will go?"** Worthiness was settled at the altar. The only worthy One was the Lamb of God, slain to make us His children. **Now God draws our hearts toward availability to partner with Him in His transforming work.**

God does not call because He lacks power. **He calls because He desires partnership, restoring the fellowship He had with humanity in Eden.** This holy God, who dwarfs galaxies, invites human participation in His redemptive plan. The same lips once unclean are now entrusted with a message from heaven.

Isaiah does not negotiate the assignment. He does not ask for details, safety, salary, or certainty. He simply says, **"Here am I."** Not, "**Here is my ability."** Not, **"Here is my résumé."** Just, **"Here is me."** This posture changes the course of a life.

We must ask ourselves how many of our prayers are conditions dressed as obedience. We say, **"Send me,"** but only if it is clear, safe, and fits our plans. Here is the piercing truth: if I am unwilling to be sent, I may still be standing at a distance from the altar. Because everyone truly touched by grace eventually hears the question, **"Who will go?"** And in that moment, all our theology narrows to one obedient sentence: **"Here am I, Lord. Send me."**

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# A New Heart For A New

**“I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.” - Ezekiel 36:26**

In this promise, **God speaks of an inward transformation that only He can accomplish.** The heart in Scripture represents the centre of a person’s thoughts, desires, and choices.

A heart of stone describes a life that has grown hardened, unresponsive to God’s voice, weighed down by sin, fear, or pride. Such a heart struggles to love, obey, and trust fully.

**This new heart desires righteousness, responds to His Word, and is willing to walk in obedience.**

This verse reminds us that **true change begins within.** God does not merely change our circumstances; He changes us.

When He renews the heart and spirit, our lives begin to reflect His holiness, mercy, and faithfulness.

What God promises, He fulfils. In Him, renewal is certain, and every new beginning is shaped by His grace.

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# He Prays For You And Me

Have you ever felt at times or even most times that the battles you're going through whether it be internally (i.e wrong and destructive thoughts and behaviours) or externally (relationship issues, unfaithfulness at home and or work, you name it), or you've gone too far and have lost faith..all these things seem to overcome us and makes us feel like as though we don't have a Saviour!

But Jesus says,

**Romans 8:34 - Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us.**

In simple words, He is praying for you and me, tirelessly and without ceasing, so that our faith may not fail, so we may be overcomers like how He overcame, and **we're kept safe in His hands.**

It is on us to reach out to Jesus - **Psalms 50:15 - Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me.**

Jesus wants each one of us to be saved, so why don't we call on Him now, know Him and intercede for the salvation of others as He does for you and me?.

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